

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Corporal Bradley J. Bergeron.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army National Guard Corporal Bradley J. Bergeron upon his death in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, it with the deepest regret and most profound sorrow that the Senate has learned of the tragic death in combat of Corporal Bergeron; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Bergeron was a native of Chauvin and was a 1997 graduate from high school there with honors; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Bergeron was a member of Charlie Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 156<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Infantry Regiment, 256<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team when his unit was deployed to the Iraqi Theater of Operations in the fall of 2004; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Bergeron was a well-liked young man in his community as well as his guard unit, always placing the needs and interests of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers ahead of his own; and

WHEREAS, while Corporal Bergeron loved his family and friends and missed them dearly during his Iraqi tour of duty, he loved his country, felt he was protecting his homeland and was honored to be fighting the enemies of America; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Bergeron and his brothers in arms were subsequently given

1 the mission of supporting the 86<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment in an area of operation north of  
2 Baghdad, near the small Iraqi town of Taji; and

3 WHEREAS, Corporal Bergeron was 25 years old when he and his squad were sent  
4 on patrol January 6, 2005, on a routine mission of searching out terrorist forces suspected  
5 of being in the area; and

6 WHEREAS, Corporal Bergeron and six other National Guard soldiers riding in a  
7 Bradley fighting vehicle were mortally wounded when their patrol was ambushed in a  
8 roadside attack, marking the deadliest day for a single National Guard unit so far in the Iraqi  
9 War; and

10 WHEREAS, six of the seven soldiers killed in the attack were from Louisiana,  
11 tragically making the toll the largest single loss of life among Louisiana troops since the  
12 Korean War; and

13 WHEREAS, while the loss of Corporal Bergeron and his comrades was almost more  
14 than his family and friends could endure, their ultimate sacrifice for their country made  
15 citizens around Louisiana rally in support of the National Guard's gallant efforts in the war  
16 on terror and the liberation of Iraq; and

17 WHEREAS, Corporal Bergeron will forever be remembered by his family, friends  
18 and fellow soldiers as a dedicated soldier and his sacrifice serves as a bitter reminder that  
19 freedom is never free and Americans may have to fight to protect the freedoms and liberties  
20 all citizens now enjoy.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
22 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a  
23 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Army National Guard Corporal  
24 Bradley J. Bergeron for fighting America's enemies in a faraway land.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
26 Corporal Bergeron's mother, Angela.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

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DIGEST

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